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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 22) mailed September 23, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. With a one-month extension, these documents are due on or before January 23, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension, along with the appropriate fee. Thus, Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this timely filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301C.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.